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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

Amendment to the quarantine regulations regarding bills of health for vessels from ports in British Columbia to adjacent ports in the United States.

> TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, Washington, October 27, 1904.

To the Officers of the Treasury Department, State and Local Quarantine Officers, and others concerned:

Under authority of the act of Congress approved August 18, 1894, it is hereby declared that the provisions of paragraph 4, United States Quarantine Regulations, approved April 1, 1903, are extended to include vessels plying between ports in British Columbia and adjacent ports in the United States.

Robert B. Armstrong, Assistant Secretary.

Notification of withdrawal of service inspectors from Progreso, Tampico, and Veracruz, Mexico.

NOVEMBER 1, 1904.

Souchon, President, State Board Health, New Orleans, La.:

On account termination active quarantine season service inspectors have been withdrawn from Progreso, Tampico, and Veracruz.

WYMAN.

[Repeated to Goldthwaite, health officer, Mobile, Ala.; Grubbs, quarantine, Biloxi, Miss.; State Health Officer Tabor, Austin, Tex.; Porter, Key West, Fla.; Ebersole, quarantine, Tampa, Fla.]

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for the week ended November 5, 1904.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of November 7:

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Week ended November 5, 1904.

Buildings reinspected	271
Rooms	1,753
Persons inspected	2,547
Sick	´ 9
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary	16
Dead examined	9
Necropsies	4
Rats examined bacteriologically	85
Number showing pest infection.	0
Places limed and disinfected	889
Blocks covered with Danysz virus	16
Times streets swept.	3
Sewers flushed	19
Notices sent to abate plumbing nuisance	9
A bated	6
Undergoing abatement	7
Total number of plumbing inspections	145

Diphtheria at Lubec, Me.—Spread of the disease arrested.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Small, at Eastport, Me., reports, November 3, as follows:

The spread of diphtheria at Lubec, Me., is at present arrested. There have been about 20 cases of mild type. No new houses quarantined for nearly a week. I trust the epidemic is over.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.

Reports from San Antonio—Sanitary conditions—Work of the sanitary department during October, 1904—Mortality.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Purnell reports, November 3, as follows: The health of the city and vicinity is very good, and there seems to be no special disease prevailing. The temperature dropped considerably several days ago, but the cool weather was only temporary, as the summer warmth has returned.

Work of the sanitary department during October, 1904.

Premises inspected	7,626
Premises cleaned	139
Privies disinfected.	128
Houses fumigated	12
Rooms fumigated	117
Cellars fumigated	1
Cisterns fumigated	7
Wells fumigated	5